

Sparks from Fr. Mark
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2008

In this coming election we are facing many important issues, not only as a nation, but also as a state. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently published a wonderful document entitled *Faithful Citizenship* that can help us to form a mature voting conscience based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. Several weeks ago there was a one-page Faithful Citizenship flier in our bulletin on forming our conscience. As we move closer to Election Day I would encourage you to spend time praying and studying the issues we are facing together so we might uphold a consistent ethic of life. I have found the Faithful Citizenship website to be helpful and you may want to check it out: www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

I would like to share these quotes from the Faithful Citizenship document regarding the role of clergy in the eyes and heart of the teaching of the Catholic Church:

As Election Day draws nearer, it is helpful to recall that the role of the Catholic Church and its Clergy is not to endorse candidates, but to enlighten consciences in order to help Catholics vote responsibly. Pope Benedict XVI states this clearly, noting that when churches participate in public debate, the interventions must always be "aimed solely at enlightening consciences, enabling them to act freely and responsibly, according to the true demands of justice, even when this should conflict with situations of power and personal interest."

In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Church's leaders are to avoid endorsing or opposing candidates or telling people how to vote. As Pope Benedict XVI states in Deus Caritas Est, "The church wishes to help form consciences in political life and to stimulate greater insight into the authentic requirements of justice as well as greater readiness to act accordingly, even when this might involve conflict with situations of personal interest... The Church cannot and must not take upon herself the political battle to bring about the most just society possible. She cannot and must not replace the State. Yet at the same time she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice." As the Holy Father also teaches, "The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful."

Blessings,

The Week Ahead

September 29 – October 5, 2008

Monday, September 29

**Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and
St. Raphael, Archangels**

Liturgical Color: White

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138:1-5; John 1:47-51

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For all who have suffered as a result of the recent hurricanes)

2:00 – 7:30 pm: Blood Drive

6:30 – 8:00 pm: Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 30

Memorial of St. Jerome

Liturgical Color: White

Readings: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Psalm 88:2-8; Luke 9:51-56

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For a greater desire to read and reflect on the Sunday readings)

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 1

Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Liturgical Color: White

Readings: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Psalm 88:10-15; Luke 9:57-62

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For healing of those damaged by sexual abuse)

9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry

6:00 – 8:00 pm: Middle School Youth Event

Thursday, October 2

Memorial of the Guardian Angels

Liturgical Color: White

Readings: Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27:7-14; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

No Daily Liturgy

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus officers meeting

Friday, October 3

First Friday

Liturgical Color: Green

*Readings: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14;
Luke 10:13-16*

No Daily Liturgy

**11:15: First Friday Liturgy with Bishop Cupich at
Cathedral of OLPH**

7:00 pm: Remembrance of St. Francis

Saturday Morning, October 4

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Liturgical Color: White

*Readings: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91,
125, 130; Luke 10:17-24*

No Daily Liturgy

9:00 – noon: Food Pantry

9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Marriage Matters workshop

Saturday Evening, October 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

*Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Philippians
4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43*

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the OLBH parish community)

Sunday, October 5

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

*Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Philippians
4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43*

8:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: Thanksgiving for the new birth of Cheryl Rohl)

8:30 – 10:15 am: RCIA class

9:15 – 10:15 am: Confirmation Information session

10:30 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For all souls in Purgatory)

7:00 pm: Taize Prayer



Parish Community News

September 28, 2008

Renew Your Spirit!

Join RENEW today! Season V begins the week of October 5! Each weekly study is self-contained, making it easy to join at any time. Look for information and sign-up materials in the gathering area. If you have questions about RENEW call the parish office at 787-5168. In the words of Psalm 51, "Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and RENEW a right spirit within me."



Oktoberfest 2008

The Knights of Columbus welcome you and your families to Oktoberfest 2008, which will be held Sunday, October 19. The Family Fun Walk/Run will begin with registration at 1:30—the race starts at 3:00. Registration is \$20 for adults and \$10 if you are 12 or under. The race will be followed by dinner at 5:00. You do not need to participate in the race to join us for dinner. We will serve bratwursts, German potato salad, red cabbage, sauerkraut, dill pickles, black forest cake, and root beer. The cost for dinner is \$5—kids under 10 may eat free. Fr. Arnie Kari from Sturgis will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help with registration, water stops, timing and recording for the Oktoberfest Family Fun Walk/Run on October 19, please call Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

Transitus of St. Francis

Please join the Secular Franciscans in a remembrance of St. Francis here at OLBH on Friday, October 3 at 7 pm. *I have done what is mine; may Christ teach you what is yours* (the dying words of St. Francis of Assisi).

Parish Book Club

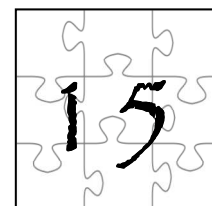
Our next book club meeting will be Monday, October 13, at 7 pm. Mary Coffin will lead us in a discussion of the book *Seven Storey Mountain* by Thomas Merton.

A Christmas Offering... of Music

We don't want your money... just your voice! The combined voices of the Piedmont Valley Ministerial Association will be presenting *The Christmas Offering: Celebrating the Greatest Gift of All* on Sunday, December 14. Rehearsals will be held at the Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church, 4:00-5:30 on Sunday afternoons **beginning on October 12**. Deacon John Osnes will be directing the combined choirs. To join your neighbors in song, contact Jane Abernathy at 716-0286. Please sign up in advance so enough copies of the music can be ordered. We can also order practice CDs.

Confirmation Information

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5, at 9:30 am in the parish hall for high school students interested in entering the Confirmation class. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are baptized and actively practicing the Catholic faith are eligible. Parents of interested students should also attend the meeting. **Attendance at this meeting is required** unless other arrangements are made in advance. If you are unable to attend or need additional information contact Deacon John Osnes at 787-5862.



News from Around the Diocese

September 28, 2008

Join Bishop Cupich October 3 For First Friday Mass and Lunch

Mass begins at 11:15 am at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Lunch follows in the Cathedral Hall and concludes with remarks from Bishop Cupich. The \$5 charge for lunch benefits Rapid City Catholic schools.

Marriage Matters

Catholic Social Services is sponsoring a workshop on developing communication skills for a strong and loving Christian marriage. It will be held at Our Lady of the Black Hills on Saturday, October 4, 9 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required by September 26; the fee is \$20 per couple. Contact Catholic Social Services at 348-6086 or www.catholic-social-services.net.

Women of Faith

On Wednesday, October 1, 9-11 am, Father Dan Juelfs will present *Angels* in recognition of the upcoming Feast of the Archangels and Feast of Guardian Angels. Bring an angel, angel poem, or angel story to share. We will meet in Cathedral Hall, which is handicapped accessible. New members are welcome; babysitting is available.

Search for Christian Maturity

The Newman Centers at SDSMT and BHSU are conducting a *Search* retreat for high school seniors, college students and young adults up to age 30. The retreat will be held October 10-12 at Storm Mountain Retreat Center just outside of Rapid City. The cost of the retreat is \$80 per participant. To register, please contact Nancy by October 3 at 342-0507 or nancy@cathedralolph.org.

Feast of the Guardian Angels Holy Hour for Life

Please join Msgr. O'Connell for this Holy Hour for Life, for all children born and unborn. The Holy Hour will be held on the Feast of the Guardian Angels, Thursday, October 2, in Our Lady's Chapel at the Cathedral from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Msgr. will provide a meditation based on Scripture, followed by silence, the Litany for Life, and Benediction.



Vocations Weekend for Young Women

Interested in finding the love of your life? God has a plan and a vocation – a love – in mind for you. Join us October 10-12 for a vocations weekend for young women ages 16-30. This weekend will be a great opportunity to spend time with consecrated women and priests and learn more about discernment and vocations. The retreat will be held at St. Joseph's Newman Center, 844 Fifth Street in Spearfish. It begins at 7 pm Friday, October 10, and ends at 9 am Monday, October 12. Cost is \$15. Contact Susan Safford, Coordinator of Vocations, at 343-3541, or ssafford@diorc.org for more information. Registration forms available at www.Gods-call.org.

Rosary for Life

Join your diocesan family in praying the Rosary for Life on Sunday, October 5, at 1:00 pm in the St. Thomas More High School Gym. Unite with others in praying for a strong culture of life in our society. This event is sponsored by the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

October 4-5, 2008

Ministry	Saturday, October 4 5:00 pm	Sunday, October 5 8:00 am	Sunday, October 5 10:30 am
Bread Baker	Marlys Sears	Marlys Sears	Marlys Sears
Altar Servers	Jessica Schacher Kimberly Schacher Celena Sass	Hannah Schroeder Liam Schroeder Kevin Chamberlain	Tyler Corbine Andrew Corbine Christian Weaver
Precious Blood	John Wang Cathy Wang Joni Osnes Bob Sass	Teresa Thompson Dennis Fischer Brenda Jacobs Kevin Rohrbach	Judy Nelson Katie Strand Stephanie Strand Jan Schurman
Precious Body	Judy Wilson	Marty Quinn	Mary Blauvelt
Lectors	Judy Wilson Joni Osnes	Teresa Thompson Marty Quinn	Pam Weaver Bob Weaver
Sacristans	Cathy and John Wang	Brenda and Marc Jacobs	The Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Dorothy and Joe Norman	Tom Van Asma Frank Boner	The Inman Family
Choir	Family Choir	Regina's Minstrels	Folk Group

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Dean Antonsen, Wanda Clemmons, Jan Collings,
Joe Creek, John Flohr, Tony Greer, Marvin Kari,
Sharon Long, Fr. Dick McCaslin, Ann Morrell,
Dorothy Norman, Polly Padgett, Marty Reeve,
Ben Roller, Josephine Rogers, Jill Trautman,
Mary Kay Young

Repose

Marjorie Schaub



Collection Report

September 21, 2008

Loose	\$ 2,576.75
Envelopes	1,354.00
Votive	13.00
Student	92.57
Building Fund	140.00
Other	190.00
Total	\$ 4,366.32

For the Ride Home

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Scripture

- Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? (Ezekiel 18:25)
- Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. (Psalm 25:4-5)
- Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7)
- He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. (Matthew 21:29)

Reflection

- How is God's sense of fairness different from the way we see fairness?
- Describe a situation that you would have handled differently had you approached it in God's way.
- What kind of obedience does God ask of us?
- Describe a time when you were disobedient and then changed your mind and decided to obey?

Holy Spirit, giving life to all life, moving all creatures, root of all things, washing them clean, wiping out their mistakes, healing their wounds, you are our true life, luminous, wonderful, awakening the heart from its ancient sleep. (Hildegard of Bingham)

Who Should Participate in *JustFaith*?

- People who want to learn more about the Church's social mission
 - People who are looking for spiritual growth
- People who want to experience their faith in community
 - People who have participated in the RCIA

Meetings will be held every Tuesday evening at OLBH, 5:30-8:00 pm, beginning November 18.
Questions? Call Eileen Desmond 430-0209.

You!